GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
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REVIEW OF PERFORMANCE OF ALUMINIUM PRODUCING PLANTS
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have reviewed the performance of the aluminium producing plants in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the profit earned/losses suffered alongwith production and export of aluminium by each plant during each of the last three years;

(c) the demand and consumption of the aluminium in the country at present;

(d) the steps taken by the Government to improve availability of Aluminium in the country; and

(e) the expenditure incurred by the major aluminium companies for the import of coal (Non Coking Coal) with low ash content during the said period?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRTY OF MINES (SHRI RAMESH BAIS)

(a) The Government is regularly reviewing the performance of National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO), the only aluminium Public Sector Undertaking under the administrative control of Ministry of Mines. So far as the performance of the private sector aluminium companies are concerned, performance review as such is not conducted by the Government.

(b) The details of the profit earned/ losses suffered, production and export of aluminium by the primary producers during the last three years are as under(Figures given in the year 2002-03 are provisional):-

Company	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
	Production in MT			Profit(PAT)(Rs. Crores)			Export in MT		
Bharat Aluminium Company Limited (BALCO)	86532	70353	96095	-43.04#	(loss)18.76	NA	22.60	3028.15	NIL
National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO)	230516	231674	244708	655.83	409.35	520.24	118868	106282	107302
HINDALCO Industries Ltd.	251492	261338	266313	678.1	686.0	NA	47477	43639	NA
Indian Aluminium Company Limited (INDAL)	43924	41014	50970	116.0	117.1	NA	NIL	NIL	NIL
Madras Aluminium Company Limited (MALCO)	28789	30282	31102	27.74	13.89	NA	NIL	NIL	NIL

Not finalized as yet

(c) The demand and consumption of the Aluminium in the country at present is over 6 lakh tonnes.

(d) Govt. has deregulated and decontrolled the aluminium sector and aluminium has been placed under the Open General Licence (OGL) category Aluminium and its products are freely tradeable.

(e) As per the information available with the Ministry of Mines, MALCO is the only major aluminium company importingnon-coking coal . As informed by MALCO the expenditure incurred by it for the Import of non-coking coal during the last three years are as under:-

Year	Quantity in MT	Landed cost including duty (Rs. In crore)
2000-01	338265	92.45
2001-02	333630	90.07
2002-03	NA	NA